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Abbreviations (Acronyms) You May Need If You Have a Young Child with Special Needs

ABA – Applied Behavioral Analysis
ACF – Administration for Child and Families (formerly Office of Child and Youth Services - OCYS) (federal)
ACMH - Association for Children's Mental Health
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act (federal)
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder
ADD - Administration on Developmental Disabilities (federal)
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
ADL - Activities of Daily Living, MDCH
AI – Autistic Impairment
ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder, SPED/MDE
AIDS - Autoimmune Deficiency Syndrome
AIMS - Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
ASM - Autism Society of Michigan
AT - Assistive Technology
BFD - Barrier-free Design
BIA of Michigan - Brain Injury Association of Michigan
BP - blood pressure
CA - Chronological Age
CAP - Client Assistance Program, DHS
CAUSE - Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education
CBI - Community Based Instruction
CDC - Center for Disease Control (national)
CDF - Children's Defense Fund (national)
CEC - Council for Exceptional Children
CEN - Center for Educational Networking, MDE
ChADD – Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
CHAMPUS - Civilian Health and Medical Programs for the Uniformed Services (now known as TRICARE)
CI – Cognitive Impairment, SPED/MDE
CIL - Center for Independent Living
CIMS - Continuous Improvement Monitoring System, MDE
CMH - Community Mental Health, MDCH
CMHSP - Community Mental Health Services Programs, MDCH
CMS - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA) (federal)
COTA - Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CPS - Child Protective Services, MFIA
CSHCS - Children's Special Health Care Services, MDCH
CSS - Catholic Social Services
CYSHCN – Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (previously PPP)
DB – Deaf-Blindness, SPED/MDE
DCH - Department of Community Health (state)
DD - Developmental Delay/Disabled
DD COUNCIL - Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

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DDI - Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State University
DDS - Disability Determination Services SSA/DHS
DHS – Department of Human Services (state)
DME - Durable Medical Equipment
DNM – Disability Network of Michigan (formerly Michigan Association of Centers for Independent Living)
DPH – Due Process Hearing
ECDD – Early Childhood Developmental Delay, SPED/MDE
EI - Early Intervention
EI - Emotional Impairment, SPED/MDE
EO - *Early On* Michigan
EOT&TA – *Early On* Training and Technical Assistance
EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program, MDCH
ERIC - Educational Resources Information Center (national)
ESD - Educational Service District (aka ISD, RESA or RESD), MDE
F2FHIEC – The Michigan Family-to-Family Health Information & Education Center
FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education (federal)
FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (federal)
FFS - Fee for Service (managed care and Medicaid terminology)
FIA - Family Independence Agency (state) now MDHS – Michigan Department of Human Services
FICC -Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Part C
FIE – Family Information Exchange (now called Michigan Alliance for Families serving families with children from birth to 26 years old who have special needs and disabilities)
FIP - Family Independence Program, MDHS
FIS - Family Independence Specialist, MDHS
FSN - Family Support Network, CSHCS
FSS - Family Support Subsidy (state), MDCH
FSWG - Family Support Work Group, MDDC
FTE - Full Time Equivalent
FV - Family Voices
FY - Fiscal Year
HCFA – Health Care Financing Administration (now Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – CMS) (federal)
HHS - Health and Human Services (federal)
HI -Hearing Impairment, SPED/MDE
HIFA – Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (Medicaid terminology)
HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO - Health Maintenance Organization
ICC - Interagency Coordinating Council
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (federal)
IDEIA - Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Education Act of 2004 (also called IDEA) (federal)
IEE - Independent Educational Evaluation, SPED/MDE
IEP - Individualized Education Program, SPED/MDE
IEPT - Individualized Education Program Team, SPED/MDE
IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan, EO
IHCP - Individualized Health Care Plan (managed care term)
ILC - Independent Living Council
ISD - Intermediate School District (aka ESA, ESD or RESD)
ISS - Infant Support Services, MDCH
ITP - Individualized Transition Plan, SPED/MDE
LD - Learning Disability/Disabled, MDE
LEA - Local Education Agency, MDE
LHD – Local Health Department
LICC - Local Interagency Coordinating Council, EO
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment (federal)
MA - Mental Age

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MACIL - Michigan Association of Centers for Independent Living (now Disability Network of Michigan)
MC - Medicare
MCB - Michigan Commission for the Blind
MCDE - Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns
MCHB - Maternal and Child Health Bureau (federal)
MCILP - Michigan Council of Independent Living Programs
MCMCH - Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
MCO - Managed Care Organization
MCTI - Michigan Career and Technical Institute (formerly STIRC)
MDCH - Michigan Department of Community Health (state)
MDDC - Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (state)
MDE - Michigan Department of Education (state)
MDRC - Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
MET - Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team, MDE
MFIA – Michigan Family Independence Agency (now Michigan Department of Human Services – DHS) (state)
MIT – Michigan’s Integrated Technology Supports (formerly Michigan’s Assistive Technology Resource – MATR) MDE
MPAS - Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service (aka P & A)
MPCB - Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body
MR - Mental Retardation
MRAC - Michigan Rehabilitation Advisory Council
MRS - Michigan Rehabilitation Services
MSS - Maternal Support Services, MDCH
MSW - Masters Social Work
MUMS - Mothers United for Moral Support
NAEYC - National Association for the Education of Young Children
NEC*TAS - National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
NICHCY - National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities
NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH - National Institutes of Health (federal)
NORD - National Organization for Rare Disorders
OBRA - Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (federal)
OCR - Office of Civil Rights (state)
OECE & FS – Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services (state)
OHI – Other Health Impairment, SPED/MDE (Formally part of POHI)
OMB - Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
OSE & EIS - Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (state)
OSEP - Office of Special Education Programs (federal)
OSERS - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (federal)
OT - Occupational Therapy/Therapist
OTR - Occupational Therapist, Registered
P & A - Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service (aka MPAS)
PA - Personal Assistant
PA - Prior Approval (managed care terminology)
PA 451 - Michigan Special Education Regulations
PAC - Parent Advisory Committee (usually refers to special education)
PACER - Parent Advocacy Center for Educational Rights (PTI in Minnesota)
Part B - Part B of IDEA (federal), SPED
Part C - Part C of IDEA (federal), EO (state)
Part H - Part H of IDEA (federal), EO (state), renamed Part C with 1997 reauthorization
PAT – Parents as Teachers
PBS - Positive Behavioral Support, MDE
PCA - Personal Care Assistant
PGS – Project Great Start (state)
PHA – Public Health Administration, MDCH

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PI - Physical Impairment, SPED/MDE
PICU - Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
PIHP – Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plans, MDCH
POHI – See ECDD or OHI
PL - Public Law
PL 94-142 - Education of the Handicapped Act (now called IDEA)
PL 95-602 - Rehabilitation (Rehab) Act - 1973
PL 99-457 - Amendments to EHA containing Part H (now called Part C), EO
PL 101-476 - Amendment to EHA changing name to IDEA
PL 102-119 - IDEA Amendment of 1991; reauthorizes Part H (now Part C), EO
PL 105-17 - IDEA Amendment of 1997; reauthorizes Part H, turning it into Part C, EO
PPO - Preferred Provider Organization (managed care terminology)
PPP - Parent Participation Project, CSHCS (now Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs - CYSHCN)
PSAP - Parent Support and Advocacy Project, DDI
PT - Physical Therapy/Therapist
PTI - Parent Training and Information
PTP - Parent to Parent
PWD - Person with Disabilities
REMC - Regional Educational Media Center
RESA - Regional Educational Service Area/Agency (aka ISD, ESA or ESD), SPED/MDE
RESD - Regional Educational Service District (aka ISD, ESA or ESD), SPED/MDE
RFP - Request for Proposals
RICC - Regional Interagency Coordinating Council, MDDC
RMT - Registered Music Therapist
RN - Registered Nurse
RR - Resource Room
RSW - Registered Social Worker
RT - Recreation Therapy/Therapist
SCI - Spinal Cord Injury
SEAC - Special Education Advisory Committee (state)
Section 504 - Section of the Rehabilitation Act
Section 619 - Section of Part C, IDEA
SICC - State Interagency Coordinating Council (EO)
SILC - Statewide Independent Living Council
SLD – Specific Learning Disability SPED/MDE
SLI - Speech and Language Impairment, SPED/MDE
SLTC - Speech and Language Teacher Consultant, SPED/MDE
SPED - Special Education
SSA - Social Security Act/Administration (federal)
SSDI - Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II) (federal)
SSI - Supplemental Security Income (federal), SSA
ST - Speech Therapist
SXI - Severe Multiple Impairment, SPED/MDE
TANF – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, MDHS
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury, SPED/MDE
TC - Teacher Consultant, SPED/MDE
TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf, Telephone Display Device
TEFRA –Temporary Emergency Family Relief Act
TTY - Telephone/Typewriter - Text Telephone for the Hearing Impaired, Teletype
UAP - University Affiliated Program
UCPA - United Cerebral Palsy Association
VI - Visually Impaired, SPED/MDE
WIC - Women, Infants, Children Program, MFIA

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